

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the foregoing amendments and the following reasons.

Allowable Subject Matter

In the February 2010 Office Action, the PTO states that claims 51, 54, and 56 would be allowable if written in independent form. *See* Office Action, item 6, page 10. Applicants thank Examiner Hamud for indicating allowable subject matter and respectfully request an early indication of allowance for new independent claims 61-62.

Claims Status

Claims 45-49 and 51-59 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer; and claims 60-62 are new and are supported in previous claims 45, 49, 51, 54, and 56. No new matter has been added. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more continuation application(s) covering any non-elected and/or canceled claim.

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 60-62 are pending and presented for examination.

In the Abstract

The PTO objects the Abstract because “(1) it is not limited to a single paragraph on a separate sheet within the range of 50 to 150 words and (2) it uses legal phraseology often used in patent claims, such as “means: and said.” Office Action, item 4, page 3. Applicants believe the Replacement Abstract addresses the PTO’s concerns and respectfully request its entry.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 45-49, 52, 53, and 55 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 (e) as allegedly anticipated by Wong et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,986,065, Effective Filing Date March 10, 1997). Office Action, item 5, pages 3-10.

In the interest of expediting prosecution, and without acquiescing to the Office's rejection, Applicants cancelled claims 45-49, 52, 53, and 55, thereby rendering this rejection moot.

Furthermore, the PTO admits that dependent claims 51, 54, and 56, now rewritten as independent claims 60-62, are free of the art and should be allowable. Applicants respectfully request an early indication of same.

CONCLUSION

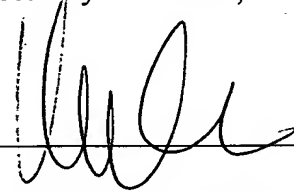
Applicants believe that the present application is in condition for allowance.
Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if a telephone interview would
advance prosecution.


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